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It may be of interest to those concerned in the Winter Park and Lake Jesup railroad to know that the people of Oviedo are acting in conjunction with the De Bary steamboat company to build a railroad from Oviedo to Solary's wharf on Lake Jesup. It is reported that all needed funds are secured and work will begin at once—in fact, has probably begun before this will be read. There is a large crop of fruit to be shipped from that section, and this little road will give the growers a new outlet in competition with the Sanford and Indian River road.

During the past week the report has been going around that there were several cases of yellow fever at Enterprise. As we go to press we hear that it is now contradicted, and that the disease is not yellow fever at all. We hope this may prove to be so, and that meantime all will refrain from spreading unnecessary alarm. The past week has been warm, and unfavorable to overcoming any kind of fever, but in the ordinary course of nature it may be expected to turn cool almost any day, and is very unlikely to remain warm more than a few weeks at most, so that any considerable further spread of the fever is in the highest degree improbable, to say the least.

The *Congregationalist* of October 18th, contains a notice of the death of Prof. Elijah Porter Barrows, the father of our neighbor, Prof. Nathan Barrows. We have not space to quote the whole of it, as we would very gladly do, for it gives a picture of the character of a very remarkable man. The following paragraph shows clearly and concisely the spirit which pervaded and informed his whole life, moral and religious as well as purely intellectual. It is worth the attention and serious thought of everyone, for surely it is the very soul of every character that attains to any true greatness.

"Dr. Barrows was observing and exact; nothing seemed uninteresting or little in the direction he looked, whether it be a thunder-storm, or a wood-anemone; a poor negro, or a dot over an i; the process of making fine laces, or a sentence with a comma left out. He was perfectly familiar with the way his mother manufactured the butternut cloth suit which he wore in his boyhood, and he demanded a like interest and thoroughness on the part of his students in writing the vowel signs in the Hebrew language. This exactness never manifested itself more than in his preparation of MSS. for press."

To the truly great mind nothing is too small to be worthy of thought; it is only the small mind that seeks to appear large, to itself and others, by affecting to despise little things. Adherence to this principle made his life so perfect and complete, that, while our sympathy is with those to whom he was nearest, yet there seems hardly room for sorrow at its close. We rather contemplate the finished story with quiet satisfaction, and the wish that there might be more such lives around us.

JOTTINGS.

Business everywhere is quiet.

This is August weather in October.

W. A. Hunter is on a short visit to town this week.

W. C. Day is moving into the upper tenement of Quincy market.

O. H. Mathews is moving into the Arthur Rogers cottage on Virginia ave.

John Hunter says he killed an alligator with Will Ingram's dark lantern last week.

Dr. Jones went to Maitland Wednesday, on a professional visit to station agent Faulkner.

We regret to hear of the indisposition of C. H. Ward, who is suffering from a slight malarial attack.

J. C. Smith's market wagon is being decorated in artistic style with paintings of animals, by C. W. Tuttle.

We believe Mr. A. MacCallum intends to continue the real estate business at the former office in Ergood's block.

Coan Bros. and Alcott are making extensive additions to the residence of Rev. Dr. Crane, on Interlachen ave.

Oranges and lemons may now be shipped by express, via Savannah and the O. S. S. Co. to points north and east.

Quincy market was opened Tuesday, by John C. Smith. A select variety of fish, vegetables and meat is usually on hand.

Charlie Chubb and Stewart Jewell went on a hunt last week. We have not been remembered with a share of the game.

Three large sacks, weighing 200 pounds filled with republican campaign documents, came by express to H. S. Chubb, on Sunday.

The Misses Cassidy arrived on the 16th, from Michigan, and on the 20th took up their abode on the Godfrey place at Lake Howell.

The interior of Wilson Phelps' house at Osceola is being finished by W. S. Lane. More rooms are being arranged, and he also is expecting visitors.

Hotel Davis is full of summer boarders, who still linger at the popular inn. Chas. de Courcy has just been engaged as cook, the Professor himself acting as *chef*.

In the absence of Rev. Dr. Hooker, who is on a vacation, and all other ministers of the denomination, a praise service was held in the Congregational church last Sunday.

C. F. Parker is shipping the large crop of oranges from the Fair grove at Gabriella. One car went Thursday, and the others will soon follow. He expects to ship about 3000 boxes.

The plastering of the Rogers House is being done by Geo. Nicoll of Orlando. The simple mention of this fact will be to all familiar with building in this country, an evidence of the superior quality of the work.

Services of the Methodist Episcopal church will be resumed on Sunday next. Sunday School at 9:30 a. m. Preaching by the pastor, Rev. T. C. Potter of Haines City, at 10:30 a. m., and evening service at 7 o'clock.

Snake stories are now in order. One killed near Lake Virginia measured five feet, six inches, and it is said that two

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days after the skin was removed and tacked upon the side of a barn, a quivering of the skin was still visible. A snake killed at Lake Howell is reported to have measured 7 feet, 8 inches.

The public school is flourishing under Miss Mizell's care, the number of pupils gradually increasing. On Wednesday the new school books arrived, to the great relief of school board and teachers, and the delight of the children.

Some Winter Park man lost his boat. Not to be left in the transaction he went to Col. Drury-Lowe's boat house on Lake Sue, and helped himself to another boat from that. Subsequently, he found that he had made a mistake.

Improvements seem to be the present order of the day. Now J. H. Lamay is continuing alterations in his building, adding an outside staircase on the south end, and finishing the interior in anticipation of tenants for the winter.

Another store is soon to be added to our already large number. Mr. Lansing, of Orlando, proposes starting a business of a general character, including fertilizers and feed, in the Fracker building. R. R. Thayer is making the needed alterations.

The republican rally at White's Hall was a very successful affair. A large crowd completely filled the hall, and the enthusiasm was unbounded. H. S. Chubb presided, and addresses were made by Mr. Hawley of Orlando, D. W. Adams and Rev. S. F. Gove. The Lawrence and Peckham Independent Silver Cornet band furnished the music.

H. M. Woodruff is the pioneer of our returning residents. He surprised us all by making his appearance on Tuesday night on the fast mail. He tells an interesting story of his adventures on the trip from New York, by steamer Nacoochee to Savannah, thence by rail, and his interviews and experiences with quarantine and inspection officers.

Electric Motors.

Though it is well known that the transmission of power by electricity in England has made little progress, as compared with the enormous extent to which it has been developed in this country, we are hardly prepared to learn from so good an authority as Professor Ayrton, that in the whole of Great Britain there are hardly one hundred motors at work at the present time, as compared with six thousand at work in this country. It would be difficult to prove, we think, that the much-abused English electric-lighting act is entirely responsible for this state of backwardness, and we are confirmed in this opinion by the very neat definition which Professor Ayrton has given of the difference of the term "inertia," as looked at from the English and American standpoints. As Professor Ayrton puts it, inertia from the foreign standpoint, is a "resistance to motion," whereas, looked at from the American standpoint, it means "resistance to standing still." Thus, while our English cousins boast that they are ahead of us so far as science is concerned, and even assert that their machines are better than ours, the fact remains that while they are waiting for developments and improvements we go ahead and attain our ends by actual experience; and thus, so far as practical results are concerned, ascertain the best practice, not by speculation, but by work.—*Electrical World.*

Early Vegetables.

Albert Nemerick has broken the record for the earliest fall vegetables. For a number of days past he has been supplying our people with lettuce, greens, radishes, tomatoes, etc. He has cabbage planted in July now heading, and which will be ready to cut in three weeks, and in a short time he will be able to supply a full list of vegetables. He has also thousands of young cabbage, tomato and onion plants for sale, and anyone wanting to start a garden can secure these plants of him.—*Oviedo Chronicle, October 12th.*

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Birds in Court.

Several writers have given descriptions of proceedings of assemblies of birds of various species which they regarded as formal "trials in court." While this view of the nature of the transactions noticed can not yet be accepted as established by competent observation, they are certainly of an interesting character and reveal a peculiar phase of bird life. An Alpine tourist relates that, during an excursion in the Swiss mountains, he accidentally came upon a small secluded glen, which was surrounded by trees, and became the unexpected witness of a singular spectacle. About sixty or seventy ravens were ranged in a ring round one of their fellows, evidently reputed a culprit, and, with much clatter of tongues and wings, were engaged in discussing his alleged delinquencies. At intervals they paused in their debate in order to permit the accused to reply, which he did most vociferously and with intense energy, but all his expostulations were speedily drowned in a deafening chorus of dissent. Eventually the court appears to have arrived at the unanimous conclusion that the felon had utterly failed to exculpate himself, and they suddenly flew at him from all sides and tore him to pieces with their powerful beaks. Having executed their sentence, they speedily disappeared.

Local antiquarians and zoologists in England are enchanted at present with a live toad found in the course of railway excavations at Greenock. The toad is certainly from 20,000 to 30,000 years old, as the stratum of clay in which it was found certainly dates from the glacial period. Its mouth is sealed up; it breathes slightly through the nostrils, and though the eyes are quite expressive it does not seem to see.

Co-operative banks, having become successes in Massachusetts, are springing up in many of the Western states, and in a certain field of operations are proving very advantageous, and, in great measure, flourish as substitutes for the building associations which we have found so beneficial as showing the practical benefits that grow out of saving small sums of money and providing homes.

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